COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 26th, 1883

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith (in the chair), Ald Birrell, Labatt, Moore, Browne, Stringer, Skinner, O'Meara, Cowan, Boyd, Hyman, Becher, Hunt and A S. Abbott (City Clerk) Minutes read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Wm, Bryce—Application for a three years' lease of the store in the City Hall now occupied by R. Clark, the lease to date from Dec. 1. No. 1.

Wm. Gilmour—Asking lease of store in City Hall, occupied up to the present by Robert Clark. No. 1.

W. T. Edge—Asking the Council to pay him $31, being cost of drain which he was compelled to put in owing to the break in sewer inlet. No. 2.

W. H. Street, M. D.—Tendering his resignation as member of the Hospital visiting staff, owing to absence from the city. Accepted. The matter of filling the vacancy was referred to No. 3.

J. C. Hodgins and 39 others—Petition respecting inefficient drainage on the southern part of Colborne street, and on Hill street. No. 2.

Judge Davis—Copy of the award in the Kensington bridge arbitration, and of the account of costs, amounting to $ 24 50, to be equally borne by city and county; bridge to be built of iron, costing $11,778, one half to be borne by the city and one half by the county. Copy of the award referred to No. 2, and the account to No 1.

REPORT OF NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald Browne, chairman—Payment of the following accounts:

Pay roll, week ending Nov. 21	$ 82 71
H. Colerick, City Hall	29 85
F. Robinson, City Hall	13 51
Geo. Riddle, City Hall	150 00
Wm Smith, William street sewer	400 00
Wm. Cathro, pavements	245 00
John Bryan, sewer inspection	24 00
London Furniture Co., Police Station furniture	115 00
Skuse & Raymond, bill	109 60
Marshall & Stevenson, whitewashing	11 00
Plummer Wagon Co., stakes	4 78
Wm. Cathro, sidewalks	98 00
City Gas Co., tar	8 00
John McConnell, blacksmithing	13 95
Moses Cox, extra drain work	85 00
Thos. Green, work on City Hall	9 00
Wm. Anthistle, gravel	135 87

One half of the last account to be collected from London East Council.

2 In accordance with the request of this Council re the sign bylaw we have notified the City Engineer to have the same carried out. Report adopted.

NO ONE COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman—1. Your committee have duly considered the report of No. 3 Committee on the position of the Women's Christian Association, and beg to report funds from the appropriation from relief account for the year 1883 to the extent of $250.

2. Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Janet Pritchard and Mrs. Twohey.

3 Your committee are in accord with the municipal council of St. Catharines and are of opinion that the expenditure of the Police Department, the number and wages of the men, as well as the general expenses of the Department, should be under the direct control of the several municipal councils, and your committee respectfully recommend that this opinion be conveyed to W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., and request him to support the memorial of the municipal council of St. Catharines.

4. Your committee beg to submit proposed bylaws re London Junction bonus of $20,000; re right of way south side of York street; re free library and municipal elections, '884.

Received and Adopted.

THE LONDON JUNCTION.

Ald Hyman read the bylaw granting the L. J. R. Company the right of way to carry its road along York street, between Burwell and Waterloo streets. The provisions of the bylaw in reference to watchmen at crossings, non-loading of freight on streets, and the planking of track between the rails. One of the new clauses provided for the erection of a close board fence — feet high on the north side of track along York street. The last clause was as follows: "That the said Company shall before exercising the powers conferred by this bylaw, pay to the corporation compensation for the rights hereby granted, the same to be determined by arbitration under the Railway Act, if the corporation and the company cannot agree as to the amount of such compensation, and such compensation shall be determined on the same basis as if the portion of the said street to be occupied by the said company were not a highway but were the absolute property of the corporation."

In connection with the London Junction matter the following were present: Messrs. Wm. Whyte, general manager C. V. R.; J. H. Fraser, solicitor; E. Leonard, John A. Cousins, J. B. Boyle, inspector; T. G. Meredith, for City Solicitor; John B. Smyth, Andrew Cleghorn, president L. J. R. Company; H. C. Green, Chas. Taylor, R. Bayly, J. H. Minhinnick, John Scandrett, J. H. Flock, M. D. Fraser, Ferguson, Mordon, Frank Leonard, T. R. Parker, Mayor Anderson, of London East; Dr. Campbell, ex-Ald. Beattie and others.

Ald. Hyman read the 21 years' agreement between the city, the L. J. R., the C. V. R., and the C. S. R., in reference to running powers, freight rates, passenger traffic, etc. It also provided for the running powers of the C. S. R. into London in case of the C. V. R. or

L. J. R. falling into hostile hands. This would necessitate the construction of a link from Belmont to the C. S. R. Ald. Hyman said the C. S. R. Co. were satisfied with the agreement, and in that he saw a great safeguard to London.

The following petitions against the passage of the bylaw granting the L. J. R. Company running powers on York street were read: From John A. Cousins and 135 others; from E. Leonard & Sons and 57 others; from John Williams and 51 others; from S. Wilkins and 7 others, and from John Tanton and 6 others

On motion of Ald. Hyman, the clause in reference to the fence was struck out of the bylaw.

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the above petitions be granted.

Ald. Moore, moved that the railway question be deferred till Thursday evening, and in the meantime the matter to be referred to a joint meeting of No. 1 Committee, a committee from the Board of Education, and the railway people.

Ald. Skinner seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE BONUS BYLAW.

Ald. Hyman read a bylaw providing for the issue of debentures to raise the amount of $30,000 bonus to the L. J. R. Company.

First reading passed and second moved.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the second reading stand over till next Council meeting. Lost, and second reading carried on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Moore, Boyd and Becher. Nays—Ald. Skinner, Browne and Stringer.

Mr. Whyte, in reply to Ald. Hyman, said in view of the action of the Council to-night they would require longer time to complete the road.

On motion, the time was extended from August 1, 1884, to October 1, and the bylaw was read the third time and finally passed.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Ald. Hyman read a bylaw providing that a vote of the people be taken as to the establishment of a free public library at the same time as the municipal election (Monday, January 7, 1884). The polling sub-divisions and deputy returning-officers are as follows:

First Ward—First sub-division, City Hall, Ed. Glackmeyer, deputy returning officer. Second sub-division, Skuse & Raymond's office, York street; Robert Scott. Third sub-division, Horton street schoolhouse; John Bowsor. Fourth sub-division, Geo. Quinton's house, Grey street; John Thorpe.

Second Ward—First sub-division, James Percival's house, Queen's avenue; James Percival. Second sub-division, John Turner's shop, Richmond street; John Plummer. Third sub-division, A. Padfield's store; Oswald Baynes.

Third Ward—First sub-division, Colborne street school; Arthur Wallace. Second sub-division, Waterloo street south school; John Flemming. Third sub-division, St Mary's school; James Fiddis.

Fourth Ward—First sub-division, Chris. Teal's house, Queen's avenue; Alex. Gunn. Second sub-division, Princess avenue school; H. Scarrow. Third sub-division, St. George's school; James Torrason.

The bylaw also provided that on January 4 the Mayor shall appoint two persons to attend to the final summing up of the vote by the clerk and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the bylaws, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in opposing the bylaw. The City Clerk shall sum up the votes at 11 a.m. on 14th of January.

The bylaw was read three times and passed.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The bylaw providing for holding the municipal elections was also submitted by Ald Hyman—polling places and deputy returning-officers same as above. The nomination for the First Ward will be held in the City Hall, but for the other wards in the schoolhouses, or in case there are two, then it shall be in the schoolhouse located in the first sub-division. Bylaw read three times and passed.

Council adjourned till Thursday night.